

Rep. Fitzpatrick's "Equality Act" Support Betrays the Pro-Life Position

This Act attacks the unborn, women, parents, children, and religious and civil liberties.

To his credit, Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick, who represents all of Bucks County and parts of Montgomery County in the U.S. House, has compiled a pro-life record on abortion-related issues. However, by becoming only one of three U.S. House Republicans to vote for the "Equality Act," (EA) he has voted to increase abortions by removing state and federal abortion funding restrictions that have literally saved millions of children and mothers from abortion.

The EA adds "sexual orientation" and "gender identity" to federal civil rights protections. The EA also redefines civil rights protections for "sex", such that abortion restrictions would become "sex discrimination."

Next, the EA requires that men with gender dysphoria be treated as women. Such a requirement harms the rights of women and threatens their security. For example, such a requirement forces women to share locker rooms, bathrooms and prison facilities with such men and forces female athletes to compete against such males.

The EA explicitly removes the protections of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Such removal would then force religious educators, social workers, and Churches to hire men and women whose behavior contradicts their religious beliefs. The EA would also require all healthcare providers to participate in abortions and other morally illicit "medical procedures," such as "sex change surgeries." Also, since the EA grants these new "civil rights" to children, minors could receive "gender transition" surgeries or treatments with no parental involvement.

The EA fundamentally assaults the human dignity by declaring in law that a human being's body is not essential to their identity. The logical application of this declaration would be that attacks on human beings would be treated as property damage rather than a crime against another human being.

The body and the soul are essential to human beings, who are made in the image of God, who declared (in Genesis 1:27) that the male-female difference reflects that image.

Rep. Fitzpatrick's claims that he voted for the EA to end what he believes to be widespread, unjust discrimination in employment and housing against men and women with same-sex attraction. If such discrimination exists, the US. Supreme Court's 2019 *Bostock v. Clayton County* decision makes such discrimination illegal under current federal civil rights law. Furthermore, the possibility of such discrimination does not justify enacting all of the harms of the EA.

Rep. Fitzpatrick further claims that he voted for the EA, so he can be on the House-Senate Conference Committee to "fix" the EA. Our responses to this disingenuous nonsense are the following:

1. He should not vote for (what he admits is) harmful legislation, so he can make it less harmful.
2. The "fixes" that he supports (some religious liberty and female sports exemptions) only eliminate a small portion of the harms of the EA.
3. Since he would be in the minority Party on any Conference Committee, and since all Democrat U.S. House Member support the EA as is, he could not effect these "fixes."

I request all of my fellow Constituents to contact Rep. Fitzpatrick and urge him to repudiate his support for the "Equality Act."

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